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Mr. Holliday Obrecht
USDI Fish and Wildlife Service
Patuxent Research Refuge
12100 Beech Fork Road
Laurel, MD 20708-4036

Dear Holly:

On June 12, 2002, I conducted an aerial detection survey for gypsy moth caused tree defoliation at Patuxent Research Refuge. Approximately 35 acres of moderate defoliation (31-60%) and 23 acres of heavy defoliation (61-100%) were detected at your site.

If you anticipate requesting financial or technical assistance for gypsy moth control in 2003, please contact Brad Onken or me by letter or telephone (304) 285-1541 by August 23, 2002.

Please call me at the above number if you have any questions regarding this aerial survey letter.

Sincerely,

RODNEY L. WHITEMAN
Forester
Forest Health Protection

cc: Allen Carter, Regional Forester, USDI F&WS
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Figure 1. -- Results of the aerial detection survey conducted on June 12, 2002, at Patuxent Wildlife Research Center.

